



Pallottine Family (UAC)

NEWSLETTER

December 2018

FIRST TIME IN AFRICA

In October of this year, I had the opportunity to visit Africa for the very first time when I participated in the XII Consultative Congress of the SAC Provincials and Regionals, held at the St Vincent Pallotti Centre in Gikondo, Kigali, Rwanda (8th – 18th October 2018). The SAC Law states that the Rector General “from time to time must call all the Major Superiors together for consultative meetings to discuss the principal matters that concern the state of the Society and the attainment of new objective” (n131 & n367). Accordingly, an SAC Consultative Congress is convened twice in each 6 year term by the Rector General.

The theme of the Congress this year was “Taking up again with renewed fervour the missionary transformation of the Church’s life and pastoral activity” (Pope Francis) and the General Council chose a verse from the Book of Apocalypse to accompany the Congress, “Behold I am making everything new” (Apoc. 21:5). As the theme of the Congress suggested, the Provincials and Regionals from different entities were given opportunity to share with one another the choices they are making to create new life for the Society. Each leader was given 10 minutes to answer the question, “What are the choices that favour the life of the Society?” It is a question that each of us needs to reflect on regardless of who we are.

The Congress took a ‘synodal’ approach in its deliberations and discussions. It wasn’t about being lectured to but about being encouraged to journey together, uncovering and rediscovering the God who is at work in us and around us making all things new.

Coincidentally, in these final days of the Church’s Liturgical Year, the period leading up to the Season of Advent, the Liturgy presents us, in apocalyptic language, what is to be expected at the ‘end time’. Apocalypse in Greek simply means a revelation or uncovering and unveiling what is hidden. But it is not a secret code to tell us how or when the end time will come. Rather it is a style of writing, poetry in style rather than prose, using fantastic imagery and symbols, drawing us to a point of view which proclaims that the worst of times will give birth to the best of times. It invites us to have hope, to believe that God continues to be at work in our world, even when we do not perceive it. To understand this apocalyptic hope, we need to abandon our tendency to shield ourselves from the pain and sufferings of those around us.

After the Congress in Rwanda, I accompanied Fr. Derry Murphy SAC, the Provincial of the Mother of Divine Love Province in Ireland, as he made his pastoral visitations to the far flung mission stations under his jurisdiction in Tanzania. We flew into Arusha then travelled by car over rough terrain to reach Siuyu Rehabilitation Centre, located in the Singida rural district of Tanzania. The Rehab Centre provides physiotherapy and occupational therapy for the children resident here and also for pre-school children who come for a numbers of days each month with their mothers for therapy. As Fr. Tommy Ryan SAC, the Director of the Centre stated, the work of the Centre is to serve ‘the forgotten of the forgotten’ in the district.

Fr. Tommy, together with the Pallottine Missionary Sisters and the local UAC members, take great care in looking after 75 or so disabled children at the Centre. Their motto is “disability is not inability”. And they give of themselves totally in caring and empowering the disabled children to make sure that their motto becomes a reality in the lives of the children.

Early each morning around 5am, I saw disabled children, some with limbs missing, collecting and carrying water in buckets to the ablution block for their morning wash, the less handicapped children helping those who were severely disabled. To see a small girl with one leg, balancing her crutches and carrying a bucket of water to a small boy who had no legs, was heartbreaking. Yet, at that moment through my tears I saw Christ in that little girl.

(Father) Eugene San SAC



Sr Rosy Ombay SAC
attending to the children

An Update From Pallotti College

Good Tucker Day

Our fortnightly turn providing “Good Tucker Day” in Millgrove continues with great success. We had a birthday celebration recently for one of the guys who attends regularly. The food is important, but it is also the gathering and fellowship that makes a difference to some who are struggling.



Corpus Christi College – Trustees Mass and Luncheon

Once again we were invited to the Trustees Mass and luncheon which reinforces our relationship with the seminary. Archbishop Peter Comensoli presided at the Mass along with the Victorian and Tasmanian Bishops and College Rector and Staff. The Corpus Christi College Schola group provided beautiful music for the Mass. A sumptuous Luncheon was provided afterwards in the College dining room by our old friend Jeff the chef.



Fr Dean's Anniversary

A celebration with good friends marked Dean's 31st anniversary of ordination. Dean's dedication to the sacramental and pastoral work of Pallotti College continues but has an added extra with his volunteer chaplaincy at Mt Lilydale Mercy College now taking up 2 days of his time.

A Sad Loss

The Team at Pallotti College are saddened by the death of David, our friend co-worker and fixer of all things no-one else can fix. An Echuca boy through and through, his family had the local hardware store many years ago. Vice Principal and Principal at several Victorian primary schools during his career in education, A passion for aviation and an accomplished pilot. David's work at the College was always meticulous and caring; nothing was too much trouble and the hardest problems merely a challenge to be worked out or taken home to mull over. He was a very loyal friend to us and is sadly missed. We extend our deepest sympathy to Helen, Kylie and Nathan and all his family and friends.

Marjorie Maria Cove

The house is used with increasing regularity for charitable stays. We have several single parent families that love to come for a holiday. Our involvement with two asylum seeker agencies has brought many asylum seekers this year, and some of these now feel comfortable to contact themselves to book a stay.

Pallotti College Free Christmas Lunch

The enormously successful free Christmas Lunch is on again, with requests already coming in from the various Yarra Valley agencies. Invitations have been distributed to our Good Tucker Day community and several of our regular helpers have offered to be available once again. We feel so blessed by their generosity.

World Youth Day Gathering

The Archdiocesan Office for Youth, along with our new Archbishop Peter Comensoli, recently came to stay at Pallotti for a WYD preparation retreat. WYD 2019 will be held in Panama on 22-27 January. The retreat was a great success with 45 eager participants, An inspiring Mass was celebrated by the Archbishop on Saturday. Great to have these enthusiastic young pilgrims with us.

Christmas Eve Mass

The popular Pallotti College Christmas Eve Mass is on again. We begin with carols at 8.00pm and Mass begins at 8.30pm. After Mass a hearty supper is served in the main dining room. **All are welcome.**



News From The Uac National Coordination Council

On the 16th and 17th of November, the NCC met in Perth for our final meeting of the year. Again it was a wonderful occasion, meeting with the children from Queen of Apostles School, who had raised over \$2,000 for the children in Keshero and then celebrating on the Sunday with so many of our UAC/Pallottine Family members. You will read – or have read – more about those events in this newsletter.

The NCC meeting included the Tri-annual elections. It is with great joy that I advise that Mary Whiting was elected President and Eugene San SAC Vice President. Our prayer has been requested by both Mary and Eugene so please ensure to put them on your list. Tricia Wisolith continues as Secretary and Wojtek Nowicki as Treasurer, and of course Anne Dowling as UAC President in the East and Ray Hevern SAC as President in the West. Many thanks to all of these NCC members and so many others, who work to ensure the vision and charism of Vincent Pallotti remains alive and “meeting the needs of our time” in Australia today.

May advent continue to be a time of joyful waiting.

Cheryl Sullivan

A Very Big Thank You To Fr Ray Hevern And Cheryl Sullivan

Since the National Coordination Council was initially established in 2003 this pair have held the key leadership roles of President and Vice President, alternating as they completed the maximum terms allowed. This has meant a huge commitment and much dedication as they laid the foundations for this body which carries out much work on behalf of the Union of Catholic Apostolate. Underpinning this has been their love of St Vincent Pallotti, his charism and the UAC which had its statues first approved ad experimentum on October 28, 2003. We thank them for fifteen years of hard work. Cheryl continues as a member of the General Coordination Council and Ray as President of the Local Coordination Council in the West. The next generation now takes up the leadership batons.

The Star of Bethlehem and the many little stars of love

As the wise men from the East were leaving Bethlehem they looked back at the hill of the city and experienced an amazing scene.

The star which had guided them to the crib had split off into thousands of tiny stars and now spread over the whole earth and sky.

They were in awe of the wonder of the sight.

As they travelled home they came to a crossroad and inquired from a stranger as to the direction they should take. He gave them directions, in a particularly friendly and caring way, they saw, above his head, a tiny star.

They travelled until dusk and stopped at an inn for the night.

The innkeeper took great care of the tired travellers and served them with much kindness and love.

To their great surprise and astonishment, they saw again a tiny star above the innkeeper's head.

Now the wise men understood the meaning of the spectacular sight they had seen on the hill of Bethlehem and that, everywhere a word of love is spoken or a deed of love performed, there shines the star of Bethlehem—the little star of love.

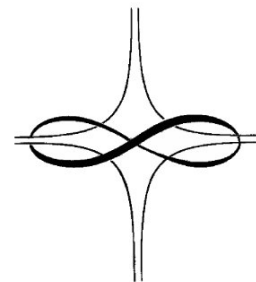
Old Legend.

(Thank you to Gabi Marz)





WESTERN AUSTRALIA UAC CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2019



ALL WELCOME

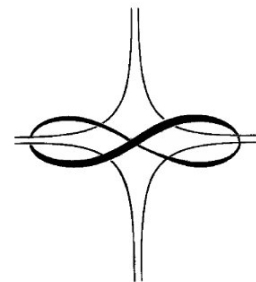
January	31 (Thurs)	7.00pm	Pallottine Cenacle Prayer at Rossmoyne. (Fr Ray)
February	28 (Thurs)	7.00pm	Pallottine Cenacle Prayer at Rossmoyne. (Fr Paul)
March	8 & 9		FAST 24 at Riverton
	28 (Thurs)	7.00pm	Pallottine Cenacle Prayer at Rossmoyne. (Fr John F)
	TBA (Sat)	2.30pm	Pallottine Aboriginal Scholarship Presentation at Pallottine Hall, Rossmoyne
April	25(Thurs)	7.00pm	Pallottine Cenacle Prayer at Rossmoyne (Bill) Feast of St Vincent Pallotti - Mass at QoA Riverton, followed by shared breakfast.
	27(Sat)	7.30am	
May	30 (Thurs)	7.00pm	Pallottine Cenacle Prayer at Rossmoyne (K & M)
June	8 (Sat) TBA	7.30am	Queen of Apostles Feastday at Queen of Apostles Church Riverton, followed by breakfast
	27 (Thurs)	7.00pm	Pallottine Cenacle Prayer at Rossmoyne. (Frances)
July	25 (Thurs)	7.00pm	Pallottine Cenacle Prayer at Rossmoyne (Tricia)
August	30 (Thurs)	7.00pm	Pallottine Cenacle Prayer at Rossmoyne (Fr Jude)
September	26 (Thurs)	7.00pm	Pallottine Cenacle Prayer at Rossmoyne (Fr Paul)
October	13 (Sunday)	6am – 5pm	PILGRIMAGE TO NEW NORCIA
	25 (Thurs)	7pm	Pallottine Cenacle Prayer at Rossmoyne. (Fr Ray)
November	28 (Thurs)	7.00pm	Pallottine Cenacle Prayer at Rossmoyne. (Fr John F)
	29? 9Fri)	6.30pm	NCC & Youth Meeting at Riverton
December	1 (Sunday)	11.00am	Mass & UAC Windup at Rossmoyne

FOR ENQUIRIES CONTACT: Fr Ray 0427 776 934 or Tricia 0431 017 484 or Fr Paul 08 6188 6877



VICTORIA UAC CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2019

ALL WELCOME



Date	Event	Venue
Tu 22 January	Feast Day Mass 5.15 p.m. and shared meal. Big celebration!	85 Studley Park Road, Kew
Fr 22 February	Pallottine Cenacle Prayer	Park Orchards
Su 3 March	Gather & Share	Syndal
We 6 March	Ash Wednesday (<i>Plenary 2020 responses due</i>)	
Fr 22 March	Pallottine Cenacle Prayer	Kew
Su 21 April Th 25/4 – 27/4?	Easter Sunday Pallottine Camino?	Syndal to Millgrove?
We 22 May	Pallottine Cenacle Prayer	Syndal
Sa 22 June	Pallottine Cenacle Prayer	Fr Leenus' place
Su 30 June	Gather & Share	Nth Ringwood
Mo 22 July	Pallottine Cenacle Prayer	Clayton South
Th 22 August	Pallottine Cenacle Prayer	Park Orchards
Su 22 September	Pallottine Cenacle Prayer	Syndal
Sa 26 October	Retreat Day with renewal of Act of Apostolic Commitment	To be decided
Tu 29 October	Walter Silvester Memorial Lecture	ACU
Fr 22 November	Pallottine Cenacle Prayer incorporating Remember in November	Millgrove

FOR ENQUIRIES CONTACT: **Anne Dowling:** 9304 2926, **Cheryl Sullivan:** 9416 7138 or **Merle Gilbo:** 9497 1691

St Vincent Pallotti Feast Day Celebration!!

In Australia, we usually celebrate on Pallotti's birthday, 21st April. This year that is Easter Sunday, so we will celebrate with his followers throughout the world on 22nd January. Mass at 5.15 p.m. will be followed by a shared meal. Bring a plate of food/bottle of drink to share. It would be helpful if you give me, Anne, an indication of what you will be bringing by leaving a message on 9304 2926 about a week beforehand. I will be in and out and can answer any queries closer to the date. Daylight saving gives us lots of time to celebrate and catch up. **I hope to see you there!**

'Kids For Kids' And The



This year the Year Six students in the Social Justice Committee organised the annual "Kids for Kids" initiative at Queen of Apostles Primary School in Riverton, Western Australia, and were busy fundraising also for the Flame of Love Orphanage in Keshero in the Democratic Republic of Congo as they have over the previous two years.

In Term 3 & 4 they enthusiastically and busily fundraised by holding a cake stall, a market stall and a day to wear footy team colours - all held on different days - and got the whole school involved.

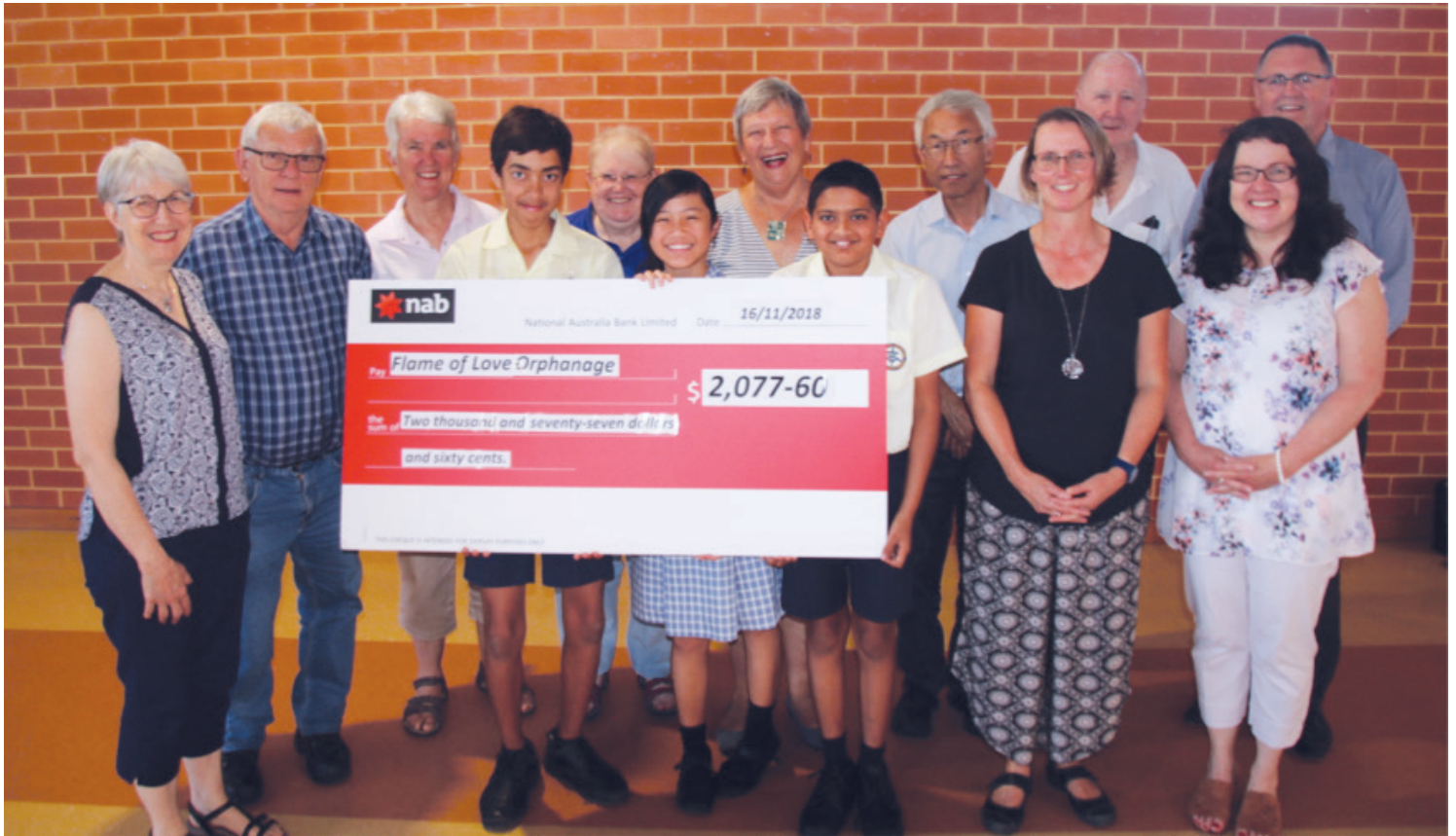
Last year's money for the orphanage was put towards buying goats, feed (for the goats) and materials for building a stable.

On Friday 16th November the NCC (who were in WA for their meeting) came to meet the children at Queen of Apostles School. Cheryl (our outgoing president) spoke to the children about how she will be going to Keshero in Africa next year for a personal experience, to see how the Flame of Love Orphanage is set up, how it's running and what a difference the generous contribution from their Kids for Kids project, is making to improving the lives of these orphans.

Cheryl will have lots of news to share with us all about the Orphanage when she returns.



Keshera Project In 2018



The children from the Social Justice Committee at the school, then presented Cheryl Sullivan and the NCC with a cheque for \$2077.60. What a wonderful effort !!! Thanks go to all the children at the school, but especially to Susannah Naim and Valencia Maloney (Kids for Kids Committee) and the parents and staff at the school.

Cheryl Sullivan will ensure that the money will be sent to Fr Eugene Niyonzima SAC who will personally deliver them to Sr Alvera who runs the Orphanage in Keshero.

We are all looking forward to hearing first hand from Cheryl about the Orphanage.

ONCE AGAIN - A BIG THANK YOU QUEENIES KIDS...

Tricia Wisolith

REMEMBER YOU ARE VERY WELCOME TO JOIN THE PALLOTTINE FAMILY FOR MASS ON CHRISTMAS EVE IF YOU WISH.

**The Celebrations will begin with Carols at 8pm,
followed by Mass at 8.30,
at 85 Studley Park Kew and Pallotti College, Millgrove.**

We pray that people everywhere will be blessed with the peace & joy and security which every human heart yearns for.



Money Matters

Thank you so much for the financial contributions which you make towards this little publication. They are always welcome, big or small, whether they come by cash or cheque or via the bank – whether they are sent by mail or just handed over when we meet at a function.

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